The following letters and documents by and concerning Lee Harvey Oswald, alleged assassin of John F. Kennedy, are perhaps the only autographs of Oswald, who died at age 25, which will ever be offered for sale. They offer a unique opportunity to collectors of Presidential items who seek unusual or important display pieces.

132 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. His original baptismal certificate, incorporated in a 16-page 8vo brochure, printed in colors and lavishly illustrated, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 5, 1939. _____(200.00)

On the first printed page, appears an ornate design with the Biblical excerpt: "He

that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." The Certificate of Baptism is extremely interesting, giving Oswald's full name, the names of his parents, place and date of birth and baptism, and the names of Lee Oswald's God-father and God-mother. It is signed by the Lutheran Pastor, Michael R. LeCoon.

Of special fascination in this unique historic document is the alteration of the birthdate in Lee Oswald's hand! This pen-and-ink change is explained in a note on the last page of the brochure: "Note—Birthday date altered by Lee in order to join U.S. Marines at age 16. Complete details in President's Commission report. Marguerite C. Oswald."

Very fine, and a remarkable display piece.

133 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. His copy of "Christmas Carols," ornate colored wraps, 19 pages, small 8vo (1956), with his pencilled rifle score. _____(100.00)

Fascinating relic, with the Warren Commission exhibit number written inside the cover, just above Oswald's pencilled record of his marine rifle score: "score/212/Dec. 24/1956/as the Sun goes down/M.C.R.D."

Written inside the back wrap is the statement: "8/1/64. Left in Lee's sea-bag with me after he returned home Sept. 1959 and then left for Russia. Marguerite Oswald, Mother of Lee Harvey Oswald."

The covers are somewhat frayed and loose; otherwise fine.

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134 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A. Message Signed "Lee," on postcard, in pencil, addressed on same side to "Mrs. M. Oswald, 3038 W. 6th St., Fort Worth, Texas." Stamped, and postmarked "Honolulu, Hawaii, August 31, 1957." _____(160.00)

"Well, only 1 day here but I have been having alot of fun, 12 more days at sea to Japan. Love, Lee."

Probably not seen by the Warren Commission, as it does not bear their pen-and-ink docket.

Very fine.

135 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. Two greeting cards sent by him to his mother, both with original, addressed envelope. Four pieces. _____(200.00)

Comprises: Ornate, colorful Easter card, with stamped envelope postmarked Jacksonville, Fla., April 16, 1957, addressed by Lee in pencil to "Mrs. M. Oswald" in Fort Worth, and with message inside card, reading, "Have a wonderful Easter Mother, Love, Lee" :: colorful Mother's Day card, and with brief message inside, reading, "Love, Lee," and with stamped envelope, postmarked Santa Ana, California, May 7, 1959, addressed by Lee to "Mrs. M. Oswald," at Fort Worth, Texas.

In very fine condition.

136 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.D.S. twice, partly mimeographed, two full pages, small folio, United States Marine Corps, Santa Ana, California, March 4, 1959. _(700.00)

Fascinating autobiographical record, with Oswald's hand printed signature at the top and his regular scrawled signature at the end, in which Oswald applies for admission to a course at the Albert Schweitzer College, Churwalden, Graubuenden, Switzerland. Oswald lists the statistics about himself, giving his height as 5'11" and his weight as 160, then continues with his education, average grades, and other data, including the subjects which he studied in school.

Oswald lists his special interests as "Philosophy, Psychology, Ideology, Football, baseball, tennis, Stamp collecting," and comments that his favorite books and reading are "Jack London, Darwin, Norman V. Peal, Scientific books, Philosophy ect." His activities: "Student body movement in school for controll of Juvenile Delinquency. Member Y.M.C.A. and A.Y.H. Associations."

Oswald states that his ambition is "To be a short story writer on contemporary American life," and gives his reasons for wishing to attend the Albert Schweitzer College: "In order to aquire a fuller understanding of that subject which interest me most, Philosophy. To meet with Europeans who can broaden my scope of understanding. To receive formal Education by Instructors of high standing and character. To broaden my knowledge of German and to live in a healty climate and Good moral atmosphere." After chronicling his future plans, Oswald describes his familiarity with foreign languages: "Russian (equal in fulency to about one years education or schooling. I also speak a very little German."

Of great interest is his brief "No" in reply to the question, "Have you had a serious illness or nervous disturbance" with the same reply to the question, "Are you at present receiving medical or psychiatric care?" Oswald concludes his application by furnishing several references, officials in the marines, and signs "Lee H. Oswald."

The document is laminated with very light and flexible acetate, and bears the initials of a member of the Warren Commission at the bottom of Page 2. Fine, except for several file holes and slight tear in blank margin.

Pub. in CE 228. Listed in letter from J. Lee Rankin to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64

It would be difficult to imagine a more illuminating document than this holographic [illegible] the hopes and ambitions of Oswald.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER COLLEGE, CHURWALDEN, GRAUBUNDEN, SWITZERLAND

YEAR COURSE APPLICATION FORM.

Yes?

Please fill out two copies of this form and send one to Dr. Robt. M. Schacht, 1 Benevolent St., Providence 6, R.I., and one to the Albert Schweitzer College, Churwalden/Gr., Switzerland.

I wish to attend

a) the whole Year Course for the academic year 19 / Deposit rec'd acc.

b) the first / second / third term(s) of the Year Course 19 / 60 (spring course begins April 12, 1960?)

(Please cross out the words which do not apply.)

Full Name (print) LEE H. OSWALD Mr. Mrs. or Miss

Permanent Address MCAF, MACS-9 SANTA ANNA, CALIFORNIA

Present Address same as above

Date of Birth 18/10/39 Land of Birth ENGLAND Height 5'11" Weight 140

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian MRS. M. OSWALD

Address 313 TEMPLETON DR. FT. WORTH, TEXAS

Educational Background:

Preparatory School or High School Completed High School (by correspondence) Dates Jr. 58

Average Grade (85, proxy 65 on scale of 100=B+)

College none Dates

Type of Curriculum (Science, Liberal Arts, Practical, Vocational)

Science, English, woodworking, civics, mechanical drawing, art, math. (in H.S.)

Average Grade 85%

Special Interests (extra-curricular, religious, vocational, literary, sports, hobbies) philosophy, psychology, ideology, football, baseball, tennis, stamp collecting

Extent and Nature of Private Reading (favourite authors or books) Jack London, Darwin, Marx, Veblen, scientific books, bibliography etc.

Active Part taken in Organisations: student body movement in school for control of juvenile delinquency. Member YMCA and AYH associations

Vocational Interest (if decided upon) To be a short story writer on contemporary American life

Professional etc. Experience (if any) —

(Reduced)

137 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," 1½ pages, small 4to, with airmail, special-delivery cover addressed by Oswald to "Mrs. M. Oswald" in Fort Worth, Texas, and with Oswald's printed signature, "PFC L. H. Oswald" and his address in upper left. Post-marked on arrival, "Fort Worth, Texas, July 8, 1959." _____(350.00)

Remarkable letter, in which Oswald explains at length to his mother about the procedure for obtaining a discharge from the U.S. Marine Corps. ". . . was very unhappy to hear of your troubles. I contacted the Red Cross on the base here, and told them about it, they will send someone out to the house to see you. When they do please tell them everything they want to know, as I am trying to secure an Early (hardship) discharge, in order to help you. such a discharge is only rarely given, but if they know you are unable to support yourself then they will release me from the U.S.M.C. and I will be able to come home and help you. The Red Cross cannot give you funds of any kind they can only give you me, and only If you make (the) right impression on them . . . and only if they know you are in dire need *now!*"

Oswald continues with further advice to his mother, asking for the names of businesses to which he can apply for a job.

In fine condition, with the initials of the Warren Commission examiner at the bottom of the first page, this letter and envelope have been lightly laminated in flexible acetate for permanent protection.

Pub. as CE 201. Listed in letter of J. Lee Rankin to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64

138 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," ⅔ page, 4to, September 4, with addressed envelope to his mother, signed in upper left by Oswald, and postmarked Santa Ana, California, September 5, 1959. _____(300.00)

Important letter announcing his discharge from the Marine Corps. "Well, I will get discharged Sept 11, and should be home on monday the 14th, you will probably start reciving my mail as I gave them your home address to forward my mail to . . .

"I will still have to be in the In-active reserves for awhile but that only means they will send me a post card every few years. Ha-Ha. Recived the birth certificate . . . I want to surprise Robert."

Signed "Love, Lee," this interesting letter is in very fine condition except for several slight stains at the top. It bears the docket of the Warren Commission in the lower blank margin.

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139 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," ½ page, 4to, September (19, 1959). With original stamped envelope to his mother, Mrs. M. Oswald, in Forth Worth, Texas. (500.00)

Letter of farewell to his mother, revealing Oswald's determination to follow his own bent and his own ideals regardless of consequences. Not long before writing this letter, Oswald had been given a "hardship" discharge from the marines on the grounds that his mother needed him to support her. On arriving home, however, Oswald found that the only jobs he could get would make him more of a liability than a help, and he decided to go to Russia. In this remarkable letter, Oswald explains his feelings.

"Well, I have booked passage on a ship to Europe. I would of had to sooner or later and I think Its best I go now. Just remember above all else that my values are very different from Roberts or yours. It is difficult to tell you how I feel. Just remember this is what I must do. I did not tell you about my plans because you could har(d)ly be expected to understand . . .

"I will write again as soon as I land."

In very fine condition, and lightly laminated with flexible acetate, together with the original, stamped envelope.

Pub. as CE 200. Listed in letter of J. Lee Rankin to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64

140 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. Interesting collection of five pieces. _____(180.00)

Comprises: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, pencilled A. Note S. "Love, Lee," to his mother, stating, "I can't use this check, of course. Put the $20 bill in an envelope and send it to me. I'm also short of cash and need the rest," accompanied by an ornate envelope, bearing three Russian stamps, addressed to "Mrs. M. Oswald" in Fort Worth, and the original check to Lee Oswald made out and signed by his mother, December 18, 1959, all lightly laminated, with label, "Commission Exhibit No. 202" pasted on laminated surface :: A.L.S. "Mother," from Mrs. Oswald to Lee Harvey Oswald, accompanied by envelope addressed by her to Lee Oswald at the Hotel Metropole in Moscow, bearing notations that it was returned. Mrs. Oswald explains in the letter that she has sent the $20 cash as requested, and tells of her plans "to go back into the Insurance Business as soon as the weather warms up . . .

Pub. as CE 202. Listed in letter of J. Lee Rankin to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64

141 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," 2 full pages, 8vo, February 24 (1962), on attractive, vignette letterhead. Written on two separate attached pages which could be separated for display. With ornate stamped, pictorial airmail cover to his mother, Mrs. M. Oswald, bearing a colorful vignette, four Russian stamps, several stamped dockets

Pub. as CE 195; listed in letter of J. Lee Rankin to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64.

and postmarks, and with Oswald's address and signature in Russian. _____(350.00)

Choice letter about his wife and child and plans to return to America. "Well, I suppose you've allready recived our letter about the birth of little June Lee Oswald (not June Marina) she weighed 7 lbs at birth which was on Feb. 15th Mother and child are doing well, she left the hospital on Feb. 24th.

"We will probably wait for a period of two or more months while little June gains weight for her trip to the U.S. I don't think It is too advisable to leave earlier than May. our visas are good . . .

"I hope you've allready made out that afidavit of support for Marina by now, like I asked you . . ."

In handsome condition, this letter has been laminated with very light flexible acetate for protection against official handling, and bears a small sticker tipped at the top of the first page: "Commission No. 195," a designation of the exhibit number in the Warren Commission.

142 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," 3 full pages, 8vo, March 21 (1962). With ornate stamped, pictorial airmail cover to his mother, Mrs. M. Oswald, bearing four Russian stamps, several dockets and postmarks, and Oswald's address and signature in Russian. _____(1000.00)

Pub. as part of CE1315.

Magnificent historic letter in which Oswald writes of the event which embittered him towards the United States government and describes his efforts to return to America. "In the last few days I have received 5 letters from you dated Feb. 25 clippings and March 1st also in one letter some more clippings thanks alot for them . . .

"They seemed to write alot about me in the papers, Robert talked too much, but I'm glad to see you supported me in your own way.

"I had written a letter to the Secretary of the Navy in Jan. 1962 I got a reply yesterday from some General telling me about the reversal of my honourable discharge into an undisireable one.

"We should be in the States in May at the latest the Embassy has agreeded to loan me $500.00 for the trip, and also they excepted my own affidavit of support so yours won't be nescessary after all, however dont try to get that business man friend of your's to cancel his affidavit, it may come in handey some day.

"As you say my trip here would make a good story about me. I've allready thought about that for quite awhile now, in fact, I've allready made 50 pages of longhand notes on the subject.

"All is well with Marina and the baby, her lenght at birth was 50 centametres (I don't know how many inchs that is) but everything is normal, right down to June's little finger-nails . . .

"The reason for the delay in some letters and the speed in others is because of the Russian censor who reads all letters . . ."

In extremely fine condition, this important letter and its envelope have been laminated in very light flexible acetate.

Although the envelope of this remarkable letter bears a notation by the Warren Commission, the letter itself is not so marked and does not appear in the official receipt provided Mrs. Oswald by the Commission and may not have been used by them in preparing their report.

(See Full Page Illustration)

143 OSWALD, LEE HARVEY. A.L.S. "Lee," on Russian postcard, 1 full page, Moscow, May 10, 1962. To "Dear Mother." With three ornate, colorful Russian stamps, postmarked, and with address portion to "Mrs. M. Oswald" in Vernon, Texas, and Oswald's signature and return address in Russian! _____(250.00)

Pub. as CE240. Listed in letter of Lee Harvey Oswald to Marguerite Oswald, 6/30/64, but photo of card in file was May 5, 1962.

Magnificent display item, incorporating Oswald's signature in English and Russian, with several stamped lines in Russian, the initials of the Warren Commission, and the pencilled, "Ex(hibit) 240." All of the writing, stamps, and notations appear on one side only of this striking card.

Oswald writes: "Well, theres nothing much new. We are just waiting for the Embassy to finish up the paper work and give us the word. They are very slow about it . . . June (his daughter) is getting big. Marina is O.K. and so am I . . ."

Extremely fine.

144 (OSWALD, LEE HARVEY). Two school promotional certificates. _____(100.00)

Comprises: Certificate of promotion, 1 page, small 4to, printed in black and green, authorizing Oswald's promotion from elementary school to junior high school, Ridglea West School, May 30, 1952, signed by his teacher and principal, with signed authentication by his mother, Marguerite C. Oswald, on verso :: Oswald's certificate of promotion to high school after having completed the 9th grade at Beauregard School in New Orleans,

March 21.

Dear mother

In the last few days I have received 5 letters from you dated Feb. 25 clippings and March 1st also in one letter some more clippings thanks alot for them.

I'm glad you know about the baby also.

They seemed to write alot about me in the papers, Robert talked too much, but I'm glad to see you supported me in your own way.

I had written a letter to the Secretary of the Navy in Jan. 1962 I got a reply yesterday from some General telling me about the reversal of my honourable discharge into an undesirable one.

It's hard everything is normal, right down to June's little fingernails.

I don't think we'll be at this address much longer so it is not advisable for you to visit here.

The reason for the delay in some letters and the spread in others is because of the Russian censor who reads all letters.

I was not aware you sent stolen letters to me in the Hotel when I lived in Moscow as I left there for week after I wrote that letter.

I cannot say where we shall go at first probably directly to Vernon.

Love
Al

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Louisiana, June 10, 1955, with signed authentication by his mother on verso, "After leaving New York, Lee and I returned to N.O. La. This is his certificate of promotion."

Unusual relics, both in very fine condition.

145 (OSWALD, LEE HARVEY). His ornate 4to certificate of acceptance in the United States Marine Corps, addressed to Mrs. Marguerite Oswald, notifying her that her son has been accepted at Dallas, Texas, October 24, 1956. With Oswald's Military Test Report lightly laminated to the blank verso of the acceptance certificate. _____(100.00)

The acceptance of Oswald in the marines is printed in red, black, and gold, with a handsome red marine seal in the lower left. It is signed by Captain R. K. Jones, of the Marine Corps.

The Military Test Report, printed entirely in green, gives Oswald's service number (1653230), his score on five different tests, with his battery rating ("S"), indicating "Satisfactory."

Both in fine condition. They could easily be separated for display.

146 (OSWALD, LEE HARVEY). Two interesting relics. _____(100.00)

Comprises: Christmas card sent to Lee Oswald by his mother in 1956, with Warren Commission exhibit number and authentication signed by his mother on verso, and original message inside, reading, "Hi—Your first Xmas away from home. Will miss you but happy to know you are in good hands. Be good. Love, Mother" :: Original subpoena served to Mrs. Marguerite C. Oswald to attend the trial of Jack Ruby for murder, as witness for the state, Dallas, March 10, 1964, signed by J. Hooker, Deputy, with signed authentication by Mrs. Oswald, "This is the actual subpoena served me in the Jack Ruby trial. However, I was never called as a witness." Two small marginal tears repaired with Scotch tape.

147 (OSWALD, LEE HARVEY). Two *UNOPENED* air-letters from Mrs. M. Oswald, mother of Lee Harvey Oswald, written to her son at the Hotel Metropole, Moscow, Russia, postmarked from Fort Worth, March 2 and April 1, 1960. With Russian postmarks over envelope flaps, and each with a "Retour/Parti" sticker. _____(200.00)

Provocative relics of Oswald. Although each of these letters appears never to have been opened, each bears the tiny pen-and-ink notation of the Warren Commission. Mrs. Oswald states that she has no recollection of what she wrote to her son, or what she discussed with him. If the Warren Commission opened and re-sealed them, they did so with extraordinary skill and without Mrs. Oswald's knowledge.

What do these letters contain? That is something which will be revealed only when the highest bidder at auction opens them.

148 (OSWALD, LEE HARVEY). Seven items of memorabilia. _____(250.00)

Original gifts sent by Lee Oswald to his mother from Russia. Comprises: colorful Russian tin tea box, 4" x 2½" x 2½"; soft wool scarf, 11" x 22", colored in brown, yellow, red, green and white horizontal stripes; white cotton scarf, 17" x 26", waffle pattern with fringed edges at both ends; 4 ornate linen table napkins, each about 12" square, hand-worked in purple and green. These napkins were hand-made by Oswald's Russian wife, Marina, as a gift for Marguerite Oswald and bear the hand-embroidered monogram, "M.O."

Gifts sent home by Oswald from Russia are referred to in the Warren Commission Report. These are unique souvenirs, in fine condition, and particularly suitable for display.